Miscellaneous ramblings

by Richard Poniarski

(Eds. note: One page of each issue of the Acorn will, space permitting, be provided as a forum for student opinion. Commentary on any issue is welcome, but, in the words of the former editor, we will accept a limited quantity of material from majority groups.)

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Drew University is in the midst of its first semester of the new school year. According to the administration it is to be the best in the school's history. All the new buildings are now operational and some new faculty have been added. The school claims to be in fine fiscal shape, and everything is going smoothly.

However, from my point of view everything is not in as good shape as they would have you believe. While the school claims that it is in good shape fiscally, they still deem it necessary to raise the tuition. They institute a manditory meal plan to cover the cost of a building supposedly paid for thru contributions. They also say that this money is for SAGA enabling them to provide better food service. The fact is SAGA has not been living up to its part of the bargin. SAGA's food is as bad as usual and in some areas it has degenerated. SAGA should begin justifying the trust (and money) given it by Drew. If it does not it will just be further proof that Drew's morals ethics, including it's "promises," are still going downhill.

WATERGATE? - TYPICAL

The Watergate bugging of Democratic National Headquarters seems to have taken a wrong turn somewhere and ended up in the Congress of the United States. It started out in the Justice Department ready to go to the courts of our land. Thru some upper echelon pressure (Tricky Dick) it has wound up on the agenda of the House Judiciary Committee. Now that world famous body of senile old men has decided that the investigation of this act should be put off till after the election, when there will be enough disinterest to smother the case in a bunch of ridiculous rhetoric. Then they can throw it away and pretend that it never happened.

It seems that even the Democratic Congress can be snowed by the man in the Oval Room on Pennsylvania Avenue. The Congress just threw away the biggest political blunder in the last four years. If Nixon wishes to bug someplace, why isn't he more careful about it. The least he could do is to wait until everybody left the office. I do not condone bugging of anybody's phone, however, things like this should be done in a proper manner. Lets hope that the Congress looks thru the administrative haze and turns its investigation to the real perpatrators of this crime against personal freedom: The President of the United States.

POWER, AND LITTLE CHILDREN

WERD, the student radio station is in the midst of a power realignment. The present station manager was stripped of all his power by the Executive Board. This was accomplished by putting up for ratification by the staff a Constitution striping the station manager of most of his power and putting it in the hands of the staff members. In retaliation the station manager acted as a little child, locking the station so that nobody could enter the station for any reason.

I hope that WERD will soon be back on the air with all its managerial problems taken care of. Let's hope that the radio station staff will have the sense to write a constitution that prevents one person from having total control over the direction WERD takes in the future.

Latest Word on Pub

by Ellen Brassi

Last Monday UC Director Mr. Richard Morgan met with Alchoholic Beverage Committee chairman Randy Walker and Student Government President Tom Quirk in a discussion focusing on the need to fully investigate the alternatives to the Liquor license.

The locker system and the possibility of one night permits issued for social functions whereby there would be no direct sales transaction, are considerations for the near future. In addition, securing the club license should not pose any major difficulty. Tom Quirk recently discussed with a lawyer the legal matters involved and, according to Quirk, an incorporated student organization that receives student funds is not necessarily legally exclusive. Hence, the UC Board which serves all three of the university schools may be a viable agency through which to apply. The third alternative which involves securing a vending agency as license appears to be the least intricate course.

Not long ago Mr. Morgan was contacted by a tavern specialist representing University Systems which caters to several schools in the D.C. area. This service is interested in expanding to New Jersey in view of the relaxed drinking laws. It was expressed that Drew's modest enrollment would not be critical and that the average college installation takes six to nine months to become profitable anyway. The profits work on a fixed percentage basis whereby the vending service and the sponsoring group each derive a pre-negotiated percent of the profits. This service could also provide additional refreshments such as pizza and submarine sandwiches for reasonable prices. Finally, the outside service would probably be more accessible due to regular staffing, and the administration would most likely be comfortable with its efficient supervision.

Nevertheless, in New Jersey even the Tavern operation requires licensing. The requirements could possibly be eased for colleges by the state ABC (Alchoholic Beverage Commission). The Pub Committee plans on contacting an ABC representative to discuss the situation at a future meeting.

At any rate, all these possibilities must meet the general criterion of being self-sustaining, properly staffed for service and supervision, and available for all eligible students.

It is important to exhaust all alternatives since the pub will be in limited operation in another month. In view of this, the Pub Committee is urging everyone interested to attend next week's meeting.